



EU's mainstream halts populist right's march

Centre-right coalition wins the most number of seats in European Parliament election; Eurosceptics win big in Italy, France

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BRUSSELS

Parties committed to closer European Union (EU) integration began bargaining over jobs and policy on Monday after an election to the EU Parliament which fragmented the centre but gave only limited gains to nationalists. National leaders of the bloc, many of whom hailed the vote as a vindication, will meet to chart the next steps on Tuesday.

Matteo Salvini, Italian Deputy-Prime Minister and potential builder of a far-right alliance across Europe, said his party's vote share of 32% of the Italian vote was a mandate to rip up eurozone budget austerity rules.

Surge in turnout
But despite other wins for eurosceptics in big countries, including France, Poland and the U.K., the result was taken as a vote of confidence by mainstream lead-

ers after turnout surged and nationalists advanced only modestly. "The European elections were tangible proof that European democracy is alive and well," Margaritis Schinas, chief spokesman of the executive European Commission, told reporters. "The populists didn't win this election."

Facing a more hostile Russia, China's growing economic might and an unpredictable U.S. President Donald Trump, many Europeans appeared to heed a message that the EU needed to stick together to protect workers' rights, free speech and democracy. Turnout rose to 51% from just 43% in the last election in 2014.

Mr. Salvini, calling the shots in Rome and who now emerges as leader of a potential new European Parliament group hostile to the Brussels establishment, told a news conference: "The time has come to totally re-



Back to winning ways: U.K. Liberal Democrat leader Vince Cable, second from right, with new Members of the European Parliament in London on Monday. •REUTERS

discuss old and outdated rules that have hurt Europe." But the far-right and other nationalists, including Nigel Farage's triumphant new Brexit Party, Marine Le Pen's National Rally, which edged President Emmanuel Macron's liberals in France, and the ruling parties of Poland and Hungary, may find it hard to overcome longstanding differences and turn what may be about a

quarter of Parliament's seats into a united force.

The 28 EU national leaders, including outgoing British Prime Minister Theresa May, will meet over dinner in Brussels on Tuesday to discuss the successor to current Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker and other key jobs.

Hard bargaining, playing off national interest, party lines and gender issues, will

last at least until a key summit on June 20-21. A stand-off is likely with Parliament, where EU party chiefs want the national leaders to back down from a refusal to replace Mr. Juncker with a lawmaker from among their winning ranks.

Joint majority
The vote saw the centre-right EPP, dented by losses for the likes of German Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats, and centre-left SD lose a joint majority in the legislature.

But gains for liberals, like those of French President Emmanuel Macron's new movement, and for the Greens, second in Germany, third in France and fourth in Britain, means a four-party alliance is already in the works. These four pro-Union groups lost fewer than 20 seats to retain 503 seats in the 751-seat chamber.

Leaders of those groups

met on Monday, although building a common platform, let alone agreeing on who to back for top EU jobs, is unlikely to be smooth.

At the expense of Ms. Merkel, long Europe's key power-broker but now in her final term, there has been leftward shift in the balance of power, with the Greens, Mr. Macron and Spain's newly re-elected socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez flexing their muscles. We are going to build a social Europe, a Europe that protects," Mr. Sanchez said, before he flew to Paris for talks with Mr. Macron to coordinate ahead of the wider Brussels summit.

That could mean a bigger push to tax multinational companies and tighten environmental rules on industry, as well as a more protectionist bent in trade negotiations, with a greater stress put on pressing commercial partners to combat climate change.

'Guru Nanak palace' in Pakistan vandalised

The structure is located in Narowal

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LAHORE

A centuries-old 'Guru Nanak palace' in Pakistan's Punjab province was partially demolished by a group of vandals, who later sold its precious windows and doors, a media report said.

The walls of the four-storey building had pictures of Sikhism founder Guru Nanak as well as that of various Hindu rulers and princes, *Dawn* reported.

The structure at a village in Narowal city – about 100 km from Lahore – had 16 rooms, the report said.

The group of locals not only partially demolished the structure, allegedly with the connivance of local officials, but also sold its precious windows, doors and

ventilators, the report said.

Muhammad Aslam, a resident of the area, said: "This old building is called the Palace of Baba Guru Nanak and we have named it Mahalan. A number of Sikhs from across the world, including India, used to visit this building."

Evacuee Trust Property Board Sialkot's zone Rent Collector Rana Waheed said: "Our team is investigating the Guru Nanak Mahal Bathnawala. If this palace was the property of Evacuee Trust Property Board, legal action will be taken against those responsible."

The people in the area have requested Prime Minister Imran Khan to take action against those responsible.

Sirisena assures diplomats on security

Urges countries to lift travel advisories issued following the Easter terror attacks

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka is "99%" secure, President Maithripala Sirisena told select Colombo-based diplomats on Monday, and urged countries to lift the travel ban imposed following the Easter attacks.

"He [Mr. Sirisena] thanked the international community for the cooperation and assistance provided to Sri Lanka at this time of need and urged them to continue to provide economic assistance and lift the travel advisories issued to tourists," according to a statement issued by his office.

President meets envoys

Mr. Sirisena, who met Ambassadors and High Commissioners of the United Kingdom, Canada, Japan, United States, Germany,



Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena. •REUTERS

Australia and the European Union (EU) at his official residence, said that most of the terrorists and suspects linked to the bombings had been arrested and a huge quantity of explosives and weapons had been seized.

The appeal comes days after Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe held a similar discussion with Colombo-based mission heads.

Tourism is a major contributor to Sri Lanka's eco-

nommy and the sector was picking up considerably in the first quarter of the year. The scenic island's earnings from tourism rose to \$4.4 billion in 2018. However, the sector has taken a major beating after the Easter serial blasts in which 258 people, including over 40 foreigners, died.

Travel restrictions

Several countries, including the United States, India and China had issued travel advisories to potential tourists. In its advisory issued on April 27, the Ministry of External Affairs advised Indian nationals "not to undertake non-essential travel". The advisory is still in effect, as are the travel restrictions imposed by Western countries. However, China relaxed its travel advisory last week.

Troops continue to conduct search operations.

Meanwhile, Muslim politicians have appealed to Mr. Sirisena to release "innocent" persons in custody. A delegation that included Cabinet Ministers Rauff Hakeem and Rishad Bathiudeen and prominent Muslim legislators, met the President on Saturday, and pointed to apparently arbitrary arrests of some persons from the Muslim community.

Some were arrested for having in their possession copies of the Koran, Arabic literature and Arabic newspapers. The delegation pointed out that security officials, "lacked sufficient knowledge about the nature of these documents", and hence made the arrests, according to a statement.

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Nasheed nominated as next Maldives Speaker

COLOMBO
Former Maldives President Mohamed Nasheed has been nominated as the country's parliamentary Speaker and is set to be sworn in on Tuesday, a party official said. Mr. Nasheed was unanimously chosen to head the People's Majlis, or the Parliament, by his Maldivian Democratic Party. AFP

Israel could face another general election

JERUSALEM
Israelis faced the growing possibility on Monday of a national poll despite a general election last month, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition talks remain deadlocked. Mr. Netanyahu risks a major setback if he fails to reach an agreement before Wednesday's deadline. AFP

U.S. is not seeking regime change in Iran, says Trump

President makes historic visit to meet Japan Emperor

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TOKYO

The U.S. does not seek "regime change" in Iran, President Donald Trump said on Monday, also praising North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un in comments made during a historic visit to meet Japan's new Emperor.

Speaking at a joint press conference in Tokyo with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Mr. Trump seemed at pains to dial down tensions in the world's two most pressing flashpoints as the U.S. faces off against Tehran and Pyongyang.

Iran "has a chance to be a great country, with the same leadership. We're not looking for regime change, I want to make that clear. We're looking for no nuclear weapons," said the President, who became the first foreign leader invited to meet freshly crowned Em-



Royal guest: President Donald Trump and Japan's Emperor Naruhito at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on Monday. •AFP

peror Naruhito, with a state visit and banquet.

"I really believe that Iran would like to make a deal. I think that's very smart of them and I think there's a possibility for that to happen also."

Addressing another hot-button issue, Mr. Trump doubled down on his back-

ing for Mr. Kim despite two short-range missile tests that sparked renewed concern in the region after a period of relative calm.

Asked about the missile tests, Mr. Trump said: "My people think it could have been a violation... I view it as a man who perhaps wants to get attention."

Austrian Chancellor loses no-confidence vote

This comes after the 'Ibiza-gate' exposé

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
VIENNA

Austria's Chancellor Sebastian Kurz on Monday lost a no-confidence vote in Parliament, removing him and his Cabinet from office over a corruption scandal that brought has down his coalition government.

"An application (by the opposition Social Democrats) has been accepted, so he has lost the confidence" of Parliament, Deputy Speaker Doris Bures said.

The move comes in the wake of the so-called "Ibiza-gate" scandal, which saw Freedom Party leader and Vice-Chancellor Heinz-Christian Strache resign from both posts after he was caught appearing to offer public contracts in return for campaign help from a fake Russian banker.

End of coalition

That led to Mr. Kurz ending his coalition with the party and calling early elections for the autumn, but the Opposition said the 32-year-old leader must also take responsibility for the scandal.



Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz. •REUTERS

The no-confidence vote against Mr. Kurz and his government took place in a special sitting of Parliament with more than half of MPs withdrawing their support, making him the shortest-serving Chancellor, as well as the first in post-war Austrian history to be removed in this fashion.

Social Democrats (SPOe) leader Pamela Rendi-Wagner accused Mr. Kurz of an unprecedented "uncurbed and shameless power grab" when bringing forward the motion against him. Mr. Kurz's former partner, the Freedom Party, also supported the motion.

Sajid Javid enters race to replace May as PM

Home Secretary is the 9th candidate

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

U.K. Home Secretary Sajid Javid became the ninth candidate on Monday to enter the race to replace Theresa May as Prime Minister, promising to "deliver Brexit" after repeated delays.

Referring to the drubbing Ms. May's Conservatives received in European Parliament elections, Mr. Javid said the new party leader had to restore voters' trust.

"As last night's results made all too clear, we must get on and deliver Brexit to make sure there is renewed trust in our democracy," Mr. Javid said in a video message posted on Twitter. "We must bridge divides to heal com-



U.K. Home Secretary Sajid Javid. •REUTERS

munities, reminding us of our shared values as a United Kingdom," said Mr. Javid.

Mr. Javid did not join several other leadership hopefuls in saying that he would pull Britain out of the EU with or without a deal when the new deadline arrives on October 31.

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M/G/C01A/ACTI CARBON/008/19-20	Pre-impregnated Activated Charcoal (single delivery), Quantity:188 CuM	upto 15:00 Hrs. on 28.06.2019

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Ref.no. OP.001/EPW/2019-20/ Date: 21.05.2019
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2	Estimated Cost put to tender	₹ 114 Lakhs	₹ 183 Lakhs	₹ 434 Lakhs
3	Period of Completion	04 Months	06 Months	03 Months
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